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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 665
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and thank the National Union of American Families for their commitment to Tennessee's communities and families.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pay tribute to those exemplary organizations and their individual members, who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, the National Union of American Families (NUAF) is most assuredly one such exemplary organization that is deserving of praise and commendation for its many efforts in bringing about a positive social change in today's society; and

WHEREAS, oftentimes, residents within a community adopt apathetic dispositions, as they are caught up and distracted by feelings of helplessness and hopelessness; the NUAF is striving to help change these attitudes into positive social change by strengthening parental involvement in the nation's schools and by enhancing many aspects of community and family life; and

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WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the National Union of American Families is to save the family unit, by creating a community of families in securing better living conditions and to create a real democracy by working at the community level, block by block, and using collective bargaining and unionization to create a government of the people, by the people, and for the people; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with families and the community, NUAF seeks to establish the "National Mentoring Corps," a mentoring and tutoring relationship with area colleges, universities, and other educational institutions, in an effort to increase academic success, by providing performance-driven scholastic programs in safe and secure environments for students to effectively build their self-esteem and their grade point averages; and

WHEREAS, their six stated objectives are: (1) to monitor public and private institutions to ensure top quality of service; (2) to serve as a source of information for the public on the availability of service agencies and institutions; (3) to develop a neighborhood sense of identity; (4) to identify the most competitive provider of benefits such as in health insurance, legal aid, tax services, etc; (5) to assist members in becoming gainfully employed; and (6) to assist families in creating jobs through entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, in selecting fifty cities across the country to start their honorable initiative, the NUAF has chosen Memphis as one of their first cities in which to implement their program, with the headquarters housed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the National Union of America Families (NUAF) is truly one of the great non-profit, community organizations and catalysts for positive social change in our state and nation, and the members and volunteers of this organization should be appropriately honored for their exemplary service to the citizens of this state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the National Union of American Families

for their unwavering dedication to organize America's families, including those of Tennessee, to unionize against crime, hatred and apathy, and to provide a safe and happy place for our children to grow and become strong, confident, and gracious leaders of the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish the NUAFF much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.